

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as
stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only
one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint
inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject
matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on
the invention entitled LINK PLATE FOR ROLLER CHAIN AND METHOD
OF MANUFACTURING SAME, the specification of which

x is attached hereto
was filed on
and was amended on _____.
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the
contents of the above identified specification, including the
claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known
to me to be material to patentability under Title 37, Code of
Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35,
United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s)
for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have
also identified below any foreign application for patent or
inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the
application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)	Priority Claimed
<u>2003-187275</u> <u>Japan</u> <u>30 June 2003</u> (Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes: x

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code,
Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below

and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability, as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status)
		(patented, pending, abandoned)

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